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SUBJECT: TURKISH INTERNAL POLITICS RESURFACES

1. FOLLOWING COMPLETION FIRST ROUND OF GENEVA TALKS ON CYPRUS, TWO POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS ARE BEGINNING IN TURKISH INTERNAL POLITICS: (A) FURTHER SIGNS OF STRAINS BETWEEN PM ECEVIT AND HIS MINORITY COALITION PARTNER, THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP), AND (B) INDICATIONS THAT OPPOSITION PARTIES INTEND TO STATE FORCEFULLY THEIR VIEWS ABOUT EVENTUAL CYPRIOT ARRANGEMENTS.

2. WE HAVE HEARD SEVERAL RUMORS DURING RECENT DAYS OF POSSIBILITY THAT RPP-NSP COALITION MAY BREAK UP. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO HARD FACTS ON SUBJECT, THERE ARE CLEAR SIGNS OF INCREASING FRICTION WITHIN STRANGE RPP-NSP UNION. NSP PRESIDENT (AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER) ERBAKAN WAS NOT AT AIRPORT WITH MANY OTHER DIGNITARIES (INCLUDING ECEVIT)

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TO GREET RETURNING FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES. PAPERS HAVE

NOTED THAT FACT AND CLAIM THERE IS "COLD WAR" BETWEEN ERBAKAN AND GUNES. REPORTERS ON AUGUST 2 ASKED ECEVIT IF HE HAD ANY COMMENTS ON REPORTS OF ECEVIT-ERBAKAN DIFFERENCES. ECEVIT SAID HE ANSWERED QUESTIONS AS PM AND IF ERBAKAN DIFFERS WITH THOSE VIEWS, THEN ERBAKAN WAS THE MAN TO BE QUESTIONED.

3. ALTHOUGH ONE RUMOR IS THAT DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP) MIGHT TAKE NSP'S PLACE IN COALITION, AUGUST 2 STATEMENT BY DP PRESIDENT BOZBEYLI CONTAINS NO HINT OF CLOSER RELATIONS WITH ECEVIT. WHILE PRAISING MILITARY AND GENEVA ACCORD, BOZBEYLI WARNED THAT ALL OF THIS "ONLY FIRST STEP". HIS STATEMENT WAS SCATTERED WITH RELIGIOUS PHRASES, AND HE CRITICIZED ATTEMPTS TO CLAIM FOR "THE LEFT" WHAT HAS ACTUALLY BEEN A "NATIONAL" VICTORY.

4. MODERATE RIGHTIST RRP (FEYZIOGLU PARTY) STATED IT COULD SUPPORT A FEDERAL FORM FOR FUTURE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT, "AS LONG AS IT BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC FOUNDATION." NATIONAL UNITY GROUP (LIFETIME SENATORS WHO WERE LEADERS OF 1960 COUP) ANNOUNCED THEIR SUPPORT OF "FEDERAL SOLUTION". JUSTICE PARTY, WHICH IS MUCH LARGEST OF OPPOSITION PARTIES, HAS KEPT QUIET DURING THIS SAME PERIOD.  
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